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For: NEW MUTANT STRAINS OF *PSEUDOMONAS FLUORESCENS* AND VARIANTS THEREOF, METHODS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION, AND USES THEREOF IN ALGINATE PRODUCTION

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|                  | <u>x</u>          | was described and claims<br>PCT/NO03/00257, filed of      |            | T International Application Number 4, 2003.   |

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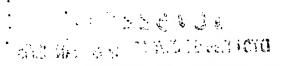
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